

Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart
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North Merrick, NY 11566
Phone: 516-379-1356

The Heart of Jesus in North Merrick



*“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”*

January 4, 2026— Epiphany of the Lord

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Adult Christian Initiation

If you are interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing your initiation into the Church please call the Parish Center.



Infant Baptism Preparation

If you wish to arrange a baptism at Sacred Heart Church, please contact the Parish Center at 516-379-1356 ext.10. One of our baptism coordinators will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you. Ideally, both Godparents should be practicing Catholics. We will review the procedures for the sacrament and you will be able to fill out all the necessary paperwork. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 2pm. First time parents need to attend a baptism class. They are held on the last Monday of each month in the Parish Center at 7:30pm. Crying babies welcome! Godparents are encouraged but not required to attend.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the Parish Center ***at least one year in advance*** of the intended date of the wedding. A priest or deacon of the parish will interview you, set the wedding date and help you register for the required marriage preparation program. Marriage Preparation is held in the parish three times a year. Please contact Deacon John: DeaconJohn@sacredheartnm.org for dates and times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A priest is available each Saturday at 4:00PM in the church. Please don't hesitate to call a priest at the Parish Center for an appointment for Confession at another time.

Sacraments for the Homebound

If you or a family member are not able to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Center.

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, 12pm-4pm



**Monday, January 5, 2026**

9AM Maureen Liguori

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

9AM Joan Coudaitis

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

9AM Gloria Connors

Thursday, January 8, 2026

9AM Mario & Lucia Messina

Friday, January 9, 2026

9AM James Tannehill

Saturday, January 10, 20265PM Joseph Licari
Dorothy Kahn
Debra Teitelman
Rose DeCristofaro**Sunday, January 11, 2026**8AM Peter Minagro
10AM Parishioners of Sacred Heart
12PM Francis Califano
5PM Schoendorf Family*In our thoughts and prayers.*

<i>Brenda Andujar</i>	<i>Justin Maciorowski</i>
<i>Taylor Agurto</i>	<i>Ginger Marzano</i>
<i>Milan Baranek</i>	<i>Murray Family</i>
<i>Kerri Bennett</i>	<i>Jack Palamaro</i>
<i>Rich Best</i>	<i>Peter Palamaro, Jr.</i>
<i>Rafael Bosch</i>	<i>Matthew Pastolero</i>
<i>Victoria Bosch</i>	<i>Eileen Pio</i>
<i>Joanne Brazenor</i>	<i>Carl & Joanna Pope</i>
<i>John Brennan</i>	<i>Tara C. Rebhan</i>
<i>Richard Bustamante</i>	<i>Vincenza Rini</i>
<i>Elizabeth Campbell</i>	<i>Tess Rivera</i>
<i>Stan Cadet</i>	<i>Michael Ryan</i>
<i>Matthew Cavanagh</i>	<i>Benny Sarnelli</i>
<i>Joan Cavanagh</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sheehan Bourke</i>
<i>Gloria Chirico</i>	<i>Julian Sherman</i>
<i>Carmine Colasanto</i>	<i>Randall Sinz</i>
<i>Alexandra Dazzo</i>	<i>Madeline Soregaroli</i>
<i>Baby Kaylee</i>	<i>Mary Sweeney</i>
<i>Lisa DelCampo</i>	<i>MaryJane Steinberg</i>
<i>Eddie DelCampo</i>	<i>Paul Stern</i>
<i>Yolanda DeLustro</i>	<i>Cathy Turbek</i>
<i>Melvin Douglas</i>	<i>Robbie Urban</i>
<i>Matthew Dwyer</i>	<i>Christopher Vaccacio</i>
<i>Helen Dresner</i>	<i>Anthony Villarreal</i>
<i>Derrick Edwin</i>	<i>Mariah Villarreal</i>
<i>Gloria Hannifin</i>	<i>Aidan Walden</i>
<i>Carl Hetzel</i>	<i>Kewnneth White</i>
<i>Alex Hubiera</i>	<i>Christine Weigand</i>
<i>Phyllis Hughes</i>	<i>John Witzzenbocker</i>
<i>Phil Lattanzio</i>	<i>Robert Ziminski</i>

Prayers for the Sick

In an effort to make sure parishioners who are ill are properly prayed for we would like to keep our Sick List as up to date as possible. Names will remain for one full month, but will be **removed at the end of every month**, unless there is a request by the family to extend the prayers for the following month.



If you or someone you know
needs assistance, please call
516-379-1376
or email
SVDP@sacredheartnm.org

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.



Our PB&J group is seeking new members.

sandwiches are made

Tuesday mornings after the 9am Mass.

Donations of peanut butter, jelly and bread is always appreciated.



Let us remember all our parishioners who have been called home to our loving God. We especially remember Alice C. Brenner



Anointing of the Sick
Friday, February 6, 2026

First Saturday Mass
9am, February 7, 2026
Rosary at 8:30am



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday's 12pm-4pm

Dear Parish,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your generosity to our parish. We were able to send home Christmas dinners and gifts to bring joy to over 95 people. Thank you to the Outreach and St. Vincent De Paul volunteers that worked tirelessly to distribute the food and gifts. We have a local need for diapers size 4,5 and 6 and formula. In addition we need to collect men's shoes in good repair.

As we start the New Year we are in need of the following:

canned chicken	coffee	cookies	chopped meat
chopped turkey	hot dogs	Any type of cereal	other than Cheerios
jelly	tea	yogurt	dish detergent
laundry detergent			

Ann Heverin

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PARISHIONERS IN THE ARMED FORCES

**Sacred Heart Parish salutes and
commends to prayer:**

Captain Dennis Tariche, US Army, Germany
 Lt. Jack Tariche USMC, Okinawa
 Sgt. Richard DeTommaso, U.S. Army, Korea
 PFC Kendrick McCann, U.S. Army, Korea
 Sgt. First Class Lee Ann Gouveia, U.S. Army
 L CPL Anthony Rusciano, U.S.M.C.
 L CPL Troy Grassi, U.S.M.C., Iraq
 SSgt. Edgar C. Francisco, U.S.M.C.
 Col. James K. Lavine, U.S.M.C.
 Lt. Col. Timothy W. Schnelle, U.S.M.C.
 Pvt. Andrew Reynolds, U.S. Army
 3rd CS P.O. Joseph La Form, U.S. Navy
 L CPL Kevin P. Vaughan, U.S.M.C.
 Lt. Colonel Christopher Darconte,
 U.S. Air Force
 U.S.M.C. Deployed Aircraft Carrier Iwo Jima
 Sgt. Brandon Furia, U.S.M.C.
 PFC Matthew Macario, U.S. Army,
 Afghanistan
 Lt. James Corino, Army
 Lt. Commander William H. Mohr, Navy
 Amn. 1st Class Daniel Gilroy, U.S.A.F.
 Lt. Daniel T. Lopez, U.S. Air Force
 Lt. Michael Napolitano U.S. Navy
 John Devoti Lt. Col. U.S.M.C.
 2nd Lieutenant Jordan Paladino- US Army
 L CPL Frank DeTrano, U.S.M.C.

Prayer For The Safety of Our Service Men & Women

Almighty and Eternal God, protect these men and women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety to all who love them. May they ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sacred Heart Purgatorial Society

*Marianne Collins, Patricia A. Bove, Caroline & Francis Cacossa, Margaret E. Riordan, Joan Fisk, Everett Corum, Jr, James J. Stasi, Maureen & Robert Murphy, Ellen C. Rafter, Donald J. Johnson, Eileen Clarke, Dolores Kulich, Vera Farrell, Jennie & Christopher Maniscalco, William G. Mohr, Shaun Hughes, Edward Walsh & Family, Frances Forgione, Lillian Milana, Randall Cordero, Edward Hesse, Regina Platt, James Artura, Edward A. Kennedy, Carolyn McDonough, Carmel L. Carleo, Raymond P. Carleo, James G. Dwyer, James P. Soldo, Robert Tom Riordan, Henry Darnaud, Stephen J. Brigandi, Sr., Ryan Palma, John Fitzpatrick, Amesse Furchak, Richard Brazenor, Joseph & Dora Accurso, Mary & Frank Gandini, Pat Darienzo, Jr., Tom and Mary Carroll, Brother Hugh Patrick Turley, FMS, Michelle Palma Furchak, Charlotte & Joe Francomano, John Hursala, Mae & John Dugo, Ann Kelly, Margaret, Joseph, Jack & Catherine Eschmann, Kay Alida Eschmann, Richard Eschmann, Joseph Sommer, Charles Vaccaro, Epifania Napit, Nancy DeStefano, Lester Smith, Camille and George Pashalides, Patrick M. Darienzo, Thomas J. Maloney, Jack Faust, Theresa Reilly Fred J. Cardinale, Thomas McLoone, Joseph Massaro, Daniel Contartesi, Catherine Contartesi, Teresa & Joseph Sullivan, Helen & Joseph Tatarka, Fred & Theresa Peruggia, Josephine and Leo Scotto, Andy Marincsak, Cecelia & Albert Bardwil, Virginia Marquardt, Michael & Philomena, Peruggia Ronald Gandini, Edward J. Lunden, Elizabeth & John Chambers, Ann & Steve Petroglia, Frank, Eleanor & Jimmy Gill, Jerry Catalano, Sr. Marie Vianney Gallagher, Ida Guadagno, Catherine Darienzo Clare & Walter Shorak, Sr. Adeline Haig, Ginesia Reale, John D. Maxworthy, Patricia Grecco, Larry Gray, Jim Artura, Jim Vaccacio, Anne Rogan ,
 Rev. Joseph D'Angelo, Rosemarie Pergolizzi, Antonio Rosselli, Sal Napolitano, Joe & Charlotte Francomano, Thomas Gallagher, Emma Gallagher, Mary Jane Palma, Brian Anthony Tavoulaareas, Anna Carotenuto, Lucy DeRose, Sheila Hackett Alma Boursiquot, Joan Kennedy, Edward Kennedy,
 Marie Faust*

Pope's Prayer Intention: January

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church

Time to Celebrate!

**Our Spiritual Adoption
Program has concluded....
BABY SHOWER TIME!**



The Spiritual Adoption Program had parishioners pray for nine months for a baby in danger of abortion. We “saw” our spiritually adopted children grow month-by-month.

We invite our parish to join the Pro-Life Committee for a “Baby Shower” to celebrate our spiritually adopted children and to provide much needed items for life centers for needy families.

The Baby Shower will be on **Sunday January 11, 2026 at 11am** (after the 10am Mass) in the School Cafeteria. Hospitality will be provided. Please bring an item from the “Baby Shower” Wish List. All parishioners are welcome to participate.

Baby Shower Wish List

These are items that are specifically needed from the pregnancy and family centers such as the Life Center, Birthright, and Mamma’s House.

- Diapers: Sizes 4,5,6
- Wipes
- Feet PJ's: Sizes: 3 months to 24 months
- Winter Clothes (Boys & Girls):
Sizes: 12-14 months
- Spring Outfits: Sizes: newborn to 6 months
- Crib Sheets
- Baby towels and washcloths
- Gift Cards
- Rice & Oatmeal Cereal
- Baby food: jars and pouches
- Cool mist humidifier
- Sound machine
- Velcro swaddles
- Video Baby monitor
- Toiletries
- Formula
- Car seats
- Diaper Bags
- Baby bathtub



Baby shower time!

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
the conclusion of our parish's
Spiritual Adoption Program with
a "Baby Shower" for our
spiritually adopted children.

- When:** Sunday, January 11, 2026
After the 10AM Mass
- Where:** Sacred Heart School Cafeteria
- What:** Please bring baby items and/or
items from the list given to us
from pro-life centers in our area



Christmas Novena Remembrances

BROTHER AUGUSTINE TOWEY	LEONILDA & MATTHEW STASZAK	ELIZABETH & JOHN CHAMBERS
DOUG TOWEY	RITA & ANGELO CISARIO	ELIZABETH & MICHAEL CREAMER
BRENDA ROMANSKI	CARMELA GIANNETTA	CATHY & FRANK WIELK
ANNA & PAT TOWEY	VINCENZA & FRANK PIAZZA	WILLIAM & MARGARET CHAMBERS
MAUREEN PRIOR	MARY & BOB SCIACCA	JAMES & ELLEN HAYNES
KATHLEEN SMITH	PHILIP & THERESA HORSTING	JOHN MAZZA
LAUREN HEANEY	JAMES & ROSE BALDASSI	JERRY MAZZA
SUSAN WINKLER BLACK	RICHARD BLACK	RONALD LEGGIO
CAROLE WINKLER	LESTER SMITH	MARY DONOHUE
ANNA TAFFNER	HELEN HACK	THOMAS DONOHUE
NICHOLAS TAFFNER	STEVE MELLEY	LOVIE MAZZA
IRENE BURKE	TOM & CHRIS LOGAN	JOE & ANNA LEGGIO
KELLY MENDEZ	GROB FMAILY	ALDA MCGOVERN
JOHN G LUPO	DAN & MARY DOOLEY	MARY & ALFRED FLOWERS
\BARRANCO FAMILY	JACKI	ROSE MUSCARELLA
DECEASED SOLDIERS	MARY LOGAN	THOMAS MUSCARELLA
RAFFELLINI FAMILY	MONICA COOKE	PAUL MUSCARELLA
LUCIDO FAMILY	MURT & MAIZIE DOOLEY	LOIS MICHALESKY
ARMETTA FAMILY	BARBARA LOGAN	MELCAAION FAMILY
CATRON FAMILY	DOOLEY FAMILY	LOBALBO FAMILY
FRANCINE MAURO	LOGAN FAMILY	NESE FAMILY
RALPH L MESSANA	ANNA & JOHN MCMANUS	DOMENIC ALONGE
FANNIE MESSANA	THERESA MCMANUS	CARMELLA ALONGE
RALPH P MESSANA	JOHN MCMANUS, JR.	LOUISE ALBERTI
ANTOINETTE PROVENZANO	EILEEN & CHARLES GIGLIO	PASQUALE ALBERTI
MARTHA EDWARD	JOAN KENNEDY	MICHAEL CAMPIONE
WALTER EDWARD	EDWARD KENNEDY	CARMELA CAMPIONE
MABEL O'SHAUGHNESSY	JACK & M ARY LOWE	MARGARET & PASQUALE COPPOLA
JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY	JAMES GROSSMAN	THERESA & BERT VALENTI
JEROME BRENNAN	ANNE MURPHY	JOHN WAYNE
NANCY DESTEFANO	JOHN & GAYLE JENSEN	GEORGE DESANTIS
THOMAS DESTEFANO	JANET RYAN	JOSEPH GESZHWIND
HOMER & MARGARET KNAPP	JOANNE BRADY	BRIDGET BENSON
BETTY & BILL TYNAN	JAMES MAHONEY	HAROLD GESZHWIND
ROBERT KNAPP, SR.	MARGARET MAHONEY	THOMAS HAHRMAN
DAVID KNAPP	MINNIE KEARNS	MARY GAHRMAN
THOMAS WEBER	TERESA QUINN	MCMANUS FAMILY
ROBERT WILDERMUTH	MICHAEL QUINN	ESPOSITO FAMILY
BARBARA MASTRAUTONI	ANNA & THOMAS QUINN	RALPH GIGLIO
TOBY & LEE DALY	MARGARET ROSENTHAL	LOUISE & WILLIAM ROTTKAMP
JEAN & KENNETH ERIKSEN	MARTIN ROSENTHAL	ROTTKAMP FAMILY
KEVIN ERIKSEN	ELLA MEEHAN	MAE SCALISE

Christmas Novena Remembrances

GREGORY CLARKE	KATHLEEN MEEHAN	ROBERT FORCINA
ERNEST PERRI	ARTHUR MEEHAN	FRANK D D SAVIANO
FILOMENA PERRI	TOM DAVIS	TERESA SAVIANO
JAMES & EDITH REIMANN	DOROTHY MAZZARELA	TERESA CELONA
FLORENCE HENDRICKS	HELEN HABERKORN	HARRY NICHOLAOU
WAYNE HENDRICKS	MARION NAPALATON	CHRISTINA NICHOLAOU
RENAYE HENDRICKS	EDWARD CROWLEY	ELIZABETH BOVA
JOSEPH & BARBARA BEIGER	ARTHUR CROWLEY	HARRY L NICHOLAOU
SAM & AIDA CARUSIO	JAMES GEORGE KOSTULAS	FISCHER FMAILY
BARBARA & JOSEPH BEIGER	LUTHER & ETHLYN WRIGHT	YEAMAN FAMILY
ANNA & JULIUS ROCHT	ANTONIO DADDIO	VINCENT & CATHERINE SALERNO
RITA & TED ARNOLD	LENA DADDIO	FRANK & MARY BUONO
JOAN & ED KIENLE	WINNIE CALDARARO	FLORENCE LORENZO
FRED & THERESA PERUGGIA	VERA DADDIO REMSEN	SALERNO FAMILY
MONFORTE FAMILY	GENEVIEVE TUSA	BUONO FAMILY
KOLINGER FAMILY	JOSEPH TUSA	MINICHETTO FAMILY
NICOLAS TEJADA	LOUISE & JOSEPH COOK, JR.	GRACE M. CROSBY
MONICA TEJADA	EVA & JOSEPH COOK, SR	JOSEPH URSINO
DOLORES ADAMES	THERESA & ROBERT OTTERO	CELIA URSINO
VIRGILIO ADAMES	ANTHONY DEMARIA	DANIEL CONTARTESI
RAFAELA DEJESUS	JOSEPH E. SCHAEFER	CATHERINE CONTARTESI
SALNAPOLITANO	LUCILLE DIMEOLA	MICHAEL CONTARTESI
AMELIA NAPOLITANO	TOM & MARY CARROLL	MICHAEL CONTARTESI, JR.
JOSEPH NAPOLITANO	GESUELE STELLA	JOSEPH MASSARO
JACK STECKON	ANNA EPP	ELLE & JOHN RAFTER
PAM ZITI	ROBERT & ROSALIE SCHMIDLIN	MARGARET & DANNY MCGRORY
MILLIE DAVIDSON	BABETTE & MAX PAUL	TERRY MCGRORY
ED LADA	CHARLIE & BETTY LOESCH	PATRICK GARLAND
SUE LADA	RONALD CLARKE	CHRISTINA MCGRORY
MARILYN STECKON	MAUREEN CLARKE	STEVE & MARYJANE REMUZZI
ASSUNTA MAZZARELLA	BARBARA CLARKE	ROBERT OLIVERI
ANGIE MAZZARELLA	JOSEPH MADDEN	CECILIA GRISANZIO
JAMIE SERIO	MARY ANN MADDEN	DOMINICK GRISANZIO
KATHLEEN BENSON	LILLIAN MILANA	MARY OLIVERI
DENNIS ANTHONY INGENITO	ANN & EDWIN TRACEY	BUDDY KEANE
JAMES GAITINGD	AGNES COPPERS	CARL JONES
INGENITO FAMILY	NANCY BRINO	ENZO BRUN
JOSEPH & NORMA CASTINE	LEONA RIDGE	BRENDAN MCKENNA
RICHARD CASTINE	JOHN & ANNA HOLDER	PATRICIA M MCKENNA
MARILYN ALIVERTO	JUNE FORCINA	PAMELA A GALLOGLY
PATRICIA HIGGINS	ANTHONY FORCINA	EILEEN CLARKE
DOUGLAS MCCUNN	ALEXANDER FORCINA	ROSSI FAMILY

Christmas Novena Remembrances

O'BRIEN FAMILY	CATHERINE & JOHN SULLIVAN	PETER ABBATE
ANNA FENNESSEY	MADELINE & JEANNE SOREGAROLI	CHRISTOPHER VIGIL
THOMAS FENNESSEY	JAMES J MCGOWAN	ANGELINA & LOUIS YALONGO
ILEAN FENNESSEY	JOHN & PHYLLIS CAMPBELL	MINERVA & MICHAEL ABBATE
JOSEPH SANSONE	HEATHER CAMPBELL	PAOLO & MARIA MIRTO
KATHRYN SANSONE	HAROLD CAMPBELL	LIBERATO A GIANFRANCESCO
JOHN & CATHERINE RUSSO	EDWARD A COTTY JR.	DOMENICO MUCCIO
RALPH & LUCY DEFALCO	MR & MRS THOMAS IACONETTI	PLUTA FAMILY
MR. GERARD ANTOINE	MR & MRS JAMES VILLANI	MONTALTO FAMILY
RICHARD CLARK	FRIEL FAMILY	DIANE JASTRZEBSKI
MR. & MRS. CLIVA OWENS	NOLAN FAMILY	MARIA-ALMA BOURSIQUOT
MR. JOHN MCLOUGHLIN	DAVIS FAMILY	MICHAEL STAUDTER
THE DANN FAMILY	CAROL MARTIN	MARILYN BUTTA
THE AMEDEO FAMILY	MARGARET MARTIN	VINCENT CASEY
BRIAN TAVOULAREAS	MOM & DAD HARGRAVE	CARMELA FRANCO
JOAN DELMONTE	MOM & DAD SCHLESSER	BABY SCOTT CASTELLA
JAMES DELMONTE	LARK FAMILIY	DAVE DELANEY
JOHN JAX	PACINI FAMILY	JANE DELANEY
NANCY SCHKUFZA	TRACY ENBERG	MARILYN BUTTA
ROSE & FRANK DECRISTOFARO	COVELSKI FAMILY	ANN & DAN SULLIVAN
HELEN & JOSEPH TATARKA	RAE FAMILY	PAT & ERNIE MARINELLI
TERESA & JOHN SULLIVAN	LORETTA SEMMLER	MARGARET & ED KENNEDY
CELESTINE WRIGHT	ANTON SEMMLER	CHRISTOPHER MILOUS
CARMELLA ALONGE	MICHAEL PILLIG	JOSEPH REGGINELLO
DOMENIC ALONGE	DEBBIE RYAN	HERB STAUDTER
JEANNE M FERGUSON	LAUREN TESORIERO	THOMAS CLARK
MARIE & SAM LUKAS	RACHEL GIGLIELLO	WILLIAM CLARK
LOUISE & JIM SISTI	LOUIS GIGLIELLO	EUGENE CARVONE
LUKAS FMAILY	NINA L MILOUS	CERVONE FAMILY
SISTI FAMILY	SALVATORE REGGINELLO	FRANK FLANNERY
JOHN STENDER	ANTONINA & SALVATORE GANGI	MARY ZIMMERLY
CORINNE CLARK	ANNA & ROSE GANGI	

SACRED HEART CONTRIBUTION TAX LETTERS

Tax letters for the 2024 tax year will be prepared upon request only. Requests can be made by calling the Parish Center: 516-379-1356.

Please include your parish ID and email address.

The letters will be sent out after January 15th. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is 1/11/26 starting at 1 pm for ages 9-14 (boys and girls).

The contest will take place in the gym and is a free event.



January 2026

I am so grateful for all the people who worked tirelessly to make this Christmas a joyful one. We know that life hands us many twists and turns and faith and flexibility are very important. It was wonderful that we gathered as a parish family to celebrate the birth of our Lord. That, in and of itself, is a miracle. Emmanuel came into the world at the darkest time—bringing hope, light and life to all. We must never forget that.

Let me begin by thanking Mr. Matt O'Brien, Mr. Bob Lovejoy, the students in our Faith Formation Program and all who set up the gym so we could have Mass there on Christmas Eve. It looked great and people were grateful to have an additional Mass on the 24th. Between the church and the gym we had over 1,000 join us for the 4pm Masses so your hard work was welcomed by many.

Our decorating committee rose to the occasion once again and made our church look better than ever. The flowers and other decorations truly helped usher in the light of Christ.

To our sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, cantors, organists and altar servers: job well done. These ministries work together to provide a beautiful liturgical experience for all of us. The cantors and organists added joy to our liturgies with their musical talents. A special thank you to Jeanne Nunez who worked miracles with our youngest parishioners to provide a beautiful Children's Choir on Christmas Eve.

I am so grateful for our ushers. They greeted our parishioners and visitors with a smile and helped find seating for all. I thank them for being understanding and welcoming.

Thank you to Deacon John and Deacon Charlie. Their presence and their ministry to our parish is truly appreciated.

A special thank you to Carol Tannehill for all the time and heart she put into coordinating our liturgies and events this Advent and Christmas season. We're truly grateful for everything she brings to our parish.

Most especially, I want to thank each of you. Through thick and thin you support Sacred Heart financially and with your time and talent. I am eternally grateful for each one of you. Please know you are always in my prayers. I am blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish and look forward to spending the years ahead with you.

*My prayer for you in the new year is good health, happiness and all God's mercy and blessings.
Fr. Stephen*

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First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem shall be a light to all nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Every nation on earth shall worship the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Gentiles are coheirs in the promise of Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



THE CHURCH

Organizations & Ministries

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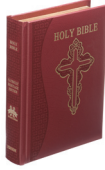
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